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Elks install new District Six Deputy

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The six BPO Elks lodges of Alberta's District Six have a new leader.

Past District Deputy Bernadette Godlein bestowed the collar of office to her successor and fellow Elk Point Elks Lodge No. 460 member Lawrence Pidluzny; on Tuesday, Sept. 1 at the conclusion of an installation ceremony during the Elk Point Elks Lodge's first meeting after the summer break.

Visitors from the St. Paul and Vegreville Elks lodges were in attendance for the ceremony. District Six also includes lodges in Hairy Hill, Lac La Biche and Myrnam, and the new District Deputy said he plans to visit all five of those lodges in the coming months.

Pidluzny said he had turned down fellow members' urging to accept the nomination for the position at last spring's district meeting in Myrnam, but after more coaxing at the provincial Elks convention in Medicine Hat, "I agreed to help out, and was told I would be installed at the first meeting in the fall."

The new District Deputy said he feels "The biggest thing is fellowship" within the lodge. "Our attendance is looks good and the supper meetings have helped that." He urged fellow members to visit other lodges whenever the opportunity arises, noting that visiting other lodges is part of the duties of his new position.

"The Grand Lodge," the national branch that oversees the provincial associations and their member lodges, "suggested each lodge change one thing," to enhance attendance and keep members interested, Pidluzny said, urging each of the members to "think of one thing we can do."

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PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Bernadette Godlein congratulates her successor, Lawrence Pidluzny.

Chamber back at work, with health care on agenda

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Concern for the future of Elk Point Health Care Centre overrode plans to discuss the leasing of part of the Eco Centre to the Town of Elk Point at the first Elk Point Chamber of Commerce meeting after the summer break.

Chamber president Jonny Nielsen said that not only had he not received any updates on the criteria for a portable x-ray machine or on the possibility of hooking up the permanent x-ray machine to the emergency power source, but a more urgent need has arisen. "The Health Care Centre roof is leaking. The request is in for emergency funding to fix it, but emergency funding can take three to six months to be approved."

Nielsen said he would like there to be a single organization in town that would raise funds that could

quickly be available for such critical needs, and was told by Melanie Poulin that such an organization exists. The Rock Foundation is a group made up of representatives of various organizations, which raises money for various needs in the community, she said, and "this could be part of it."

Roof repairs, the members agreed, were more important at this time than either x-ray machine, but they also agreed that the repairs should be a responsibility of Alberta Health. "We need to join with the County of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point and hold Alberta Health accountable," Nielsen said. He suggested that letters from individuals be sent to MLA David Hanson and to Alberta Health pointing out the urgency of the situation, before permanent harm is done to the building.

Another situation pertaining to the Health Care Centre was also brought to the table. Physiotherapy is

not available there on a daily basis, and an individual who was transferred back to Elk Point and requiring that service was subsequently transferred to St. Paul. Others who can't access the needed physiotherapy in either Elk Point or St. Paul are traveling all the way to Cold Lake to access it.

Wind Turbine

Still recovering from heart surgery himself, the chamber president said he has not yet been able to arrange for a public auction of the wind turbine, which he said was "A \$58,000 investment for the chamber" when it was installed at the Eco Centre, "and we have no way to recoup that cost." Due to the location, the unit did not operate to its potential, and has also been shut down for two years due to a noise complaint. Funds from the sale of the unit will go to adding other renewable energy features to the Eco Centre.

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NEW DISTRICT DEPUTY - Lawrence Pidluzny (seated fourth from left) was joined by his fellow members of the Elk Point Elks Lodge and visitors from the St. Paul and Vegreville lodges who attended the installation.

District Deputy

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He also encouraged lodge members to remain on a friendly basis with the local Royal Purple, although that lodge is one of many that decided to become autonomous and is no longer an sister organization to the Elks. "Let's try to keep the Royal Purple involved, and make them remember they're still purple."

Eco Centre lease

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Nielsen has called an executive meeting where decisions on options for the Eco Centre's future will be listed, and subsequently distributed to all the members. "I want to have all the members involved in the decision." He told Mayor Parrish Tung and Town CAO Ken Gwozdz, "We appreciate the offer, but we don't want to make a commitment now." That decision, he said, will be made at the October meeting.

The mayor said that the offer to lease the building was based on the motion made last spring to offer the Town the opportunity to lease the FCSS offices on a long-term basis in exchange for the town paying off the amount the chamber owed to the credit union.

Extravaganza

Extravaganza committee chair Leanne Gilbert gave a brief report on the many activities that are slated for Saturday, Nov. 21, and asked for the Town's cooperation in constructing some stands for the giant banners she already has produced to invite residents and visitors to the annual kickoff-to-Christmas event. The Extravaganza Committee will meet Sept. 9 to continue planning.

Scarecrows

Elk Point's Recreation Director Jena Colbourne was also on hand, and asked if the chamber might be willing to sponsor a prize for the business that constructs and displays the best scarecrow in a contest to be judged just prior to Halloween. The contest will also have a category for individuals who want to help make the town look spook-tacular for Oct. 31.

National Grandparents Day
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NO MORE BELLS - other than the ceremonial hand bell wielded by Lawrence Pidluzny ring for retirees, left to right: Parrish Tung, Dale Hymanyk, Donna and Paul Chamberland, Donna Rudolf, Pidluzny, Orest Sereda, Doris and Laverne Wilson, Mike O'Neill, Sylvia Conrad, Tim Martin, Jeannine and Albert Boratynec, Carol and Ray Hellquist and Margaret Modin, who gathered at the Empress Aug. 31 to toast today's teachers and staff.

Retired teachers toast today's counterparts

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Retired educators who taught in Elk Point and surrounding communities gathered last Monday morning in the Empress Banquet Room along with their wives and a longtime school secretary, raising their coffee cups high as Lawrence Pidluzny rang an old-style school bell to toast today's counterparts as they embark on another school year.

This annual event, first organized a number of years ago by the late Sid Holthe, and dubbed "To Hell With the Bell," celebrates the ability of the participants to ignore alarm clocks and school bells and enjoy their well-deserved retirement, while today's teachers and school staff take over the

roles they held for many years.

Pidluzny led a back-to-school prayer for educators, asking that they be able to open the minds and hearts of their students and "help them listen more deeply to the world."

He then led off the round of introductions, saying that he had taught at F. G. Miller High School from 1974 to 2005, and is still on the substitute teacher roster. Orest Sereda began his teaching career at Elk Point Elementary that same year, and retired a year later, and Laverne Wilson, who started teaching in Heinsburg in 1957 and has been pulled out of retirement to teach at Frog Lake and to serve as principal at FGM, still can be found in classrooms around the area on a regular basis.

Mike O'Neill, who taught at Mallaig

and FGM from 1979 to 2009, said that last year he taught 85 per cent of the time, "and this year I'm down to 60 per cent." Sylvia Conrad taught at EPE, "the same school I attended," from 1970 to 2006.

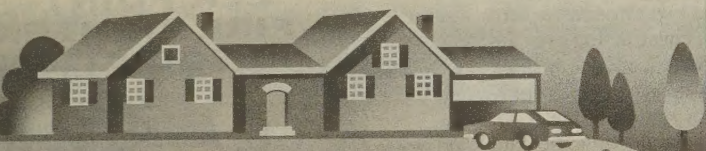
A very special guest at the breakfast was former FGM teacher Tim Martin, who taught in Elk Point from 1981 to 1989, before moving to Hanna, and when he heard about the event, decided he's hop on his motorcycle and head north to take part.

Albert Boratynec, who taught in Elk Point from 1961 to 1995, Ray Hellquist, who began his career at Lindbergh School in 1963 and retired from FGM in 2000, Parrish Tung, who taught in Heinsburg and Myrnam from 1977 to 2010, Dale Hymanyk, who taught in

Derwent, Myrnam and Plain Lake from 1983 to 2012, Donna Chamberland, who taught kindergarten in Elk Point for 11 years, Paul Chamberland, whose long career stretched from teaching industrial arts to serving as principal at Fort Kent and for many years as principal at St. Paul Regional High School, and Donna Rudolf, who taught at Morrin, Myrnam and FGM before retiring eight years ago, were also in attendance.

Margaret Modin, who was the school secretary at FGM for 21.5 years, commented that "I see a lot here who started when I did."

Jeannine Boratynec, Carol Hellquist and Doris Wilson, wives of some of the retirees, were also on hand to enjoy the morning of reminiscing.



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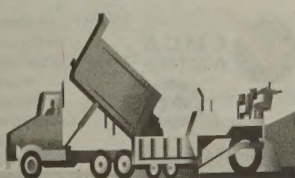
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Pursuant to section 73 of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, any person who is directly affected by this operation may submit a written statement of concern regarding this application. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board. Such a statement of concern must be submitted to:

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Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J6
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within 30 days of the date of this notice. Please quote Application No. 004-208059 when submitting a statement of concern in regards to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act Application.

NOTE: Any statement filed regarding this application are public records which are accessible by the public.

Copies of the application and additional information can be obtained from:

Newalta Corporation
Attention: Renee White
211 11 AVENUE SW
CALGARY, AB T2R 0C6
Telephone: 403-806-9879
Fax: 403-806-7077

EDITORIAL

'Nothing to do'? Check this out!

Small communities like our own are often considered to have "nothing to do" for youngsters and adults alike. If that's the case, how come some of us are so busy we don't know what event to attend on a certain night, and what to do first?

This community has such a long list of organizations, ranging from church groups to antique car enthusiasts, snowmobile fans to sewing groups, soccer for kids to hockey for adults, that there is something for almost everyone. There are groups for preschoolers, groups for seniors and for all ages in between.

How do you find out about these groups? That's easy. Come to Information Night tonight at the Arts and Leisure Centre behind Northern Lights Library System and you'll find many of them there, all ready to tell you all about what's going on and how you can get involved.

Yes, one or two of them won't be there, and it could be because they are so short of volunteers that there's nobody to man a table. They need members, and could benefit from your involvement.

Check it out, get involved, help Elk Point thrive!

RECREATION CORNER

A busy week coming up!

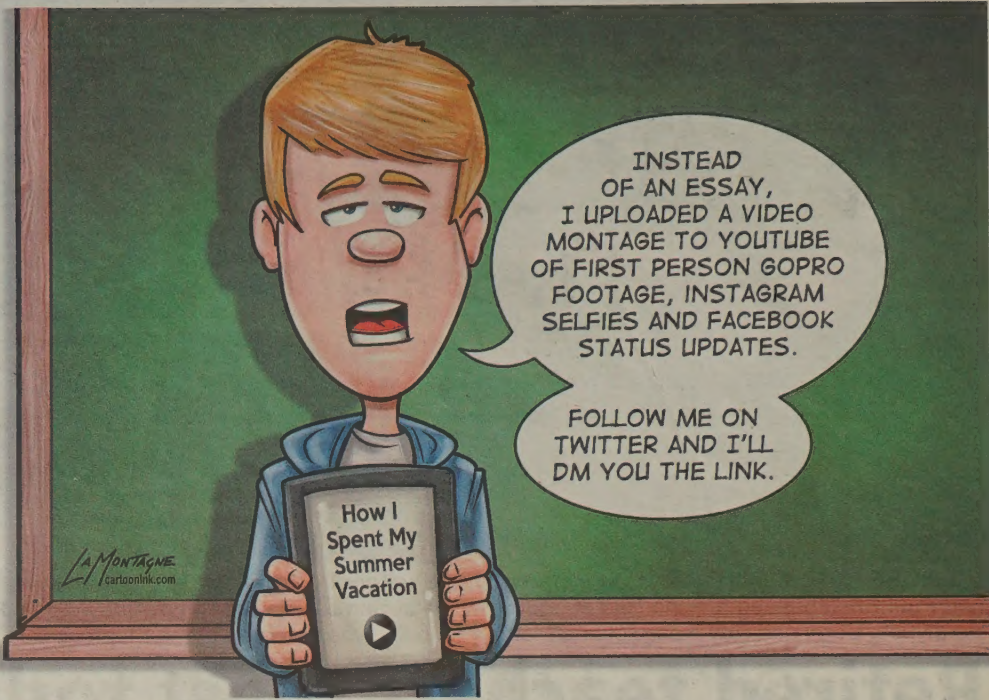
JENA COLBOURNE
Recreation Director

Community Registration is tonight, Tuesday, Sept. 8 at the Allied Arts Centre. All the clubs, organizations, and sports will be available to answer your questions and get your kids signed up. Great opportunity to get your family active and if you're new to Elk Point, you can meet new people and get in touch with people who have similar interests. It's open to the public from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. I will also be on hand and would love feedback from you for what the community wants to see in Elk Point, whether that's for kids, adults, or both. Some ideas are art classes, adult power/fitness skating, various fitness classes, family dances, recycling program, walking trail... and more. Come talk with me and let me know what matters to your family.

The bus trip to Creative Stitches & Crafts Alive is on! We've downgraded from a large bus to a 26 passenger bus. So seating is limited, though there are some spots left for the Saturday, Sept. 12 event. These shows are billed as western Canada's number one sewing and crafting event, showcasing, Sewing, Scrapbooking, Quilting, Knitting, Needlework, Fibre Arts, Beading and Paper Crafting, with hands-on classes, educational seminars and free stage shows. The trip is \$35 a seat depending on capacity. To book your spot, email recreation@elkpoint.ca or call/text 780-207-5898.

Grandparent's Day is Sunday, Sept. 13 at the Senior's Centre. There will be kids' activities, entertainment, and fun for all ages. The day includes a fun walk with your grandparents or if you're a grandparent yourself. Forms for pledges for walks are at the Co-op, Home Town Grocers and FCSS.

Coming up... Town-wide Scarecrow Competition, more details in next week's edition and a fun new contest, just in time for Extravaganza.



WAY BACK WHEN...

Housing, horse shows and 'finally coming home'

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 8 IN...

1985

Elk Point Family and Community Support Services released a report on social needs in town, as determined by a door-to-door survey, needs including activities for teenagers, family support groups, low-cost housing, sports activities and a welcome wagon. The Town of Elk Point's brief presented to the Northern Alberta Development Council brought forth recommendations for the establishment of manpower agencies social services agencies, job skill training and the establishment of an energy information centre.

1990

Elk Point Agricultural Society held their first Open Horse Show in the new Elk Point Fair Grounds, where rapid progress had been made on construction over the summer, with funding from Alberta Lotteries helping it along. The Ag Society also was successful in paying off the loan taken out in 1988 to re-roof the A. G. Ross Arena, leaving only the Zamboni loan to be paid before the society became debt free.

1995

Mayor Ed Buck felt he had done his part for the community, and announced that he would not be running either for mayor or school board in the October municipal election. Elk Point Agricultural Society hosted their Eighth Annual Open Horse Show, with Joyce Larson winning the Senior High Point title, Shanna Baker the Youth High Point and Lana Graham the Junior High Point awards.

2000

F. G. Miller High School saluted the accomplishments of 26 members of the Class of 2000 at their graduation ceremonies, with two valedictorians, Peter Danyluk and Michael Povaschuk addressing the crowd

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of proud parents and family members. Elk Point Citizens on Patrol was officially underway, with over 20 members patrolling in pairs and making the community a safer place.

2005

The future of Heinsburg School was in question after Frog Lake First Nations band council considered ceasing the buses coming to Heinsburg from the reserve in the 2006-07 school year.



A \$75,000 grant from the province and a \$5,000 donation from CCS Energy Services, accepted by firefighter Nigel LaFrance (above left), helped to swell the Elk Point Fire Fighters Association's Rescue Van Replacement Fund to the point where the association could order the long anticipated unit, with 10 months to raise the remaining 20 per cent of the cost.

2010

Steele's Scouts brought history to life in commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the Northwest Rebellion as they began their march from Frog Lake to Steele Narrows, Sask. following the Trail of Big Bear. Heinsburg's new principal said he had "finally come home," Darcy Younghans coming back to the school he left in Grade 10 to pursue hockey, but going on to college and university and then to a teaching career.

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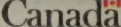
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GAME FACES -
Twelve Elk Point students are part of this year's Bengals football team, and will be traveling to their practices and games in the Elks Lodge Community Van

Contributed photo.



Football season underway for a dozen Elk Point students

MELISSA ROGAL
Review Contributor

Twelve Elk Point boys in grades seven to nine are playing with the St. Paul Bengals Football organization. Practices run from 4:15 to 6:15 three nights a week.

This makes it difficult for parents who work to get their player to practices. The parents very much appreciate the Elk Point Elks Lodge members who have let us commandeer their Community Van for the season! The Elk Point Lions Club is also supporting our boys by donating towards the cost of using the van!

We are so grateful to these two groups in Elk Point!!!! The Bengals and Lions football clubs are absolutely amazing for these kids, teaching them not only about the game of football, but about team spirit, sportsmanship and as some kids would say, "how to be gentlemen".

The Bengals and their parents invite anyone who

would like to come and watch some of our home games to please join us!! Games are Sept. 12 and 19 at 1 p.m. and Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. at the Regional High School.

The 'Bengal Boys' are: Hank and Charlie Rogal, Hayden and Liam Ludlage, Samuel Henderson, Brandon Goertzen, Zane Cribbins, Danny Cardinal, Ty Smereka, Cody Diamond, Tulsen Wells and Odin Smith.

Elk Point Jack & Jill Playschool Association REGISTRATION & AGM

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Get informed - tonight's the night!

Tuesday, Sept. 8 is the night to find out everything you'd like to know about community groups and services, and all their upcoming events.

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Grand Opening (Friday)

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September 18, 2015

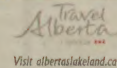
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Heritage Festival Day Two (Saturday)

Art Exhibit,
Take a Tasteful Trip With
Champions for Change
(Beers & Wines of
the World)

St. Paul Recreation Centre

4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.



County's coyote and wolf reduction program will run again

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

The County of St. Paul's Coyote/Wolf Reduction Incentive Program is heading into its fifth season, which is anticipated to begin in November.

Last year, 1,600 coyotes were killed and turned in for a bounty, while 13 wolves were also hunted and brought in to the county's public works department. The program began in 2012 as a way to help reduce predation on livestock, especially during calving season.

County of St. Paul Assistant Agricultural Fieldman Keith Kornelsen has noticed a decrease in the amount of poison given to farmers, another way the county worked to control coyote levels.

He says he has also heard that there appears to be fewer coyotes in the area. Although the program was started to help farmers, the benefits have expanded, and appear to be helping acreage owners keep their pets safe.

Over the past four years, there has been steady participation in the program. In 2012, 1,400 coyotes were killed, while in 2013 that number went down to 1,000. In 2014 the number was back up to 1,400, and last year saw 1,600 coyotes nabbed.

The wolf bounty has only been in place for two years. The first year three animals were brought in, while 13 wolves were caught last year.

In the first two years of the program, the bounty began in January. That

was changed in 2013/14 when it was expanded to begin in November. The value of a coyote pelt has also increased over the past few years, making hunting the animals more lucrative.

Hunters can get a good price for coyote pelts, and having the bounty make it even more worthwhile for hunters. The bounty for a coyote from the County of St. Paul has been \$15 per animal in the past, and Kornelsen expects that number to remain the same.

When it comes to wolves, Kornelsen says he can't be entirely sure where the animals are being hunted, but the hunters bringing them in are mostly from the Lake Eliza/Stoney Lake area, the Lindbergh area, and north near Mallaig.

The bounty on wolves with the

County's program is \$75 per animal.

The bounty program ran from Nov. 1 to April 30, last year, which is also expected to stay the same. The program can end earlier if participation is high and the budget for the bounty runs out.

When a hunter catches a coyote, they must bring it to the County of St. Paul public works shop to claim the bounty. Staff will cut a front paw off the animal, and a cheque is mailed to the hunter. For wolves, staff members take a picture of the animals brought in.

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